

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:)
Nicola Benvenuti et al.) Group Art Unit:
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Serial No.:) Examiner:
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Filed:) Attorney Docket: 91436-345
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For: TRANSPARENT ERROR)
COUNT TRANSFER METHOD)
AND APPARATUS)
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PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231
U.S.A.

Dear Sir/Madam:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend this application as follows:

In the Specification

Page 1, after the title, insert

--REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This application claims the benefit under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) of United States
provisional application no. 60/307,372 filed July 25, 2001 entitled "Transparent Error Count
Transfer Method and Apparatus" the contents of which are incorporated herein.--

Respectfully submitted,

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